

## ON THE HIGH SEAS

Interesting Letters From the  
Soldier Boys Who Left  
Tampa.

Correspondence to The Leader.

ON BOARD YUCATAN,  
IN TAMPA BAY, JUNE 14, 1898.

At last we are on our way to the land of the enemy, on board the Yucatan, the largest, fastest and best ship in the fleet. At 7:30 last evening the anchor was raised, and as the big ship began to move slowly around the boys felt for the first time that at last we were about to start on the long look-out for voyage. Not since the beginning of the war was so much enthusiasm manifested. Ours was the eighth boat to leave her moorings, and as each boat turned her head towards the ocean her passengers greeted the visitors and comrades on shore with their last farewells. The boats moved out according to number and 800 yards apart, making a line 20,000 yards in length. The dispatch boat has just passed us and shouted "Move your boat to the head of the column." So I guess we will take the lead of the transports, next to the gunboat Helena.

We are now (7:45 a. m. June 14) about 14 miles from Port Tampa, lined up waiting for orders. The light house at the entrance to the bay is three miles to the west.

There are five gunboats with us at present, besides several dispatch boats, the correspondents' boat, the pleasure boats, water barges, etc., making a fleet of about 100 ships. The Yucatan is a passenger and mail steamer that ran between New York and Havana. She is 300 feet long, 25 feet wide, and has three decks. Her speed is 16 knots an hour. The hold is loaded with oats, hay, coal and water. The lower deck carries the ammunition and supplies for both the soldiers and the ship's crew. There are now on board 1,000 soldiers, and the crew and deck hands number 100 more.

Company C is on the upper deck, on the larboard side, a most pleasant and airy place, but at least once a day we have to hustle to keep our luggage dry. We had a regular Oklahoma drench-bath Sunday night. We all got wet, and a number of hats, blankets, etc., were blown overboard. The wind blew with the rain. We were told that the lower deck was the safest, and we moved to that point as soon as possible. As the white caps began to send foam and spray on deck most of us wished we were safely on shore. Lieut. Kane, of K troop, showed his nerve by going all over the boat, giving orders and helping the boys to save their baggage. When he came in he was as wet as a rat, but he said he did not mind it. We now keep all our baggage tied up, so it can be moved at a moment's notice.

The men have been notified to report to the doctors in the hospital (smoking room and be vaccinated, as we will soon be where smallpox is raging. Private Thomas is in the hospital, and is feeling some better this morning. The sick boys on board are receiving much better attention on board than on land. All the Oklahoma boys, except Shockey and Cease, are on board. Cease was cut by a horseshoe crab and is in a serious condition. Seven others who were mustered in at San Antonio are there taking care of the horses. Col. Woods says the horses are to be brought as soon as possible. That may be a week or several months. The troops are divided into squads, and each sergeant has a squad.

The boys bought an extra lot of canned goods, jellies, pickles, sauce, etc., and had a fine dinner Sunday. Our menu for breakfast was: Coffee, lemonade, roast beef, potatoes and beans, with hard tack and jelly on the side.

The payment was: Sergeants, \$15.70; corporals, \$15.50; privates, \$14.50. Most of the boys sent money home. Some are broke, and a few have plenty to run them.

Our coffee on board is made in a big barrel and cooked by steam from the boat's boiler. Each mess makes its coffee in turn. All our grub is canned goods, nothing being cooked by the soldiers. Bread and pies can be bought from the chief cook (on the side) at 25 cents net. Beer 25 cents per small bottle.

The ship is washed every morning and all clothing is hung out and aired. Inspection at 10:30 a. m. guard mount, 6:30 p. m. We have a dynamite gun, with 500 pounds of gun cotton, and two rapid fire guns, but don't intend to challenge any Spanish war ships—just have them for a bluff. The armor on the ship is half an inch thick, and would not stand anything larger than a 32-caliber.

A number of the boys are fishing and have good luck, having pulled everything from a crab to a jelly fish. The boats stop long enough for the boys to go swimming, and nearly all take advantage of the opportunity to refresh themselves by a plunge in the briny deep.

The last mail was received on board this morning. The boys are all waiting anxiously for the "Oklahoma box," and will be very thankful for the kind remembrances of the people of Guthrie and other towns who have sent them needed supplies.

We are now in better shape than we have been on the trip, and the little experience already gone through with has been the means of teaching us what we need, and what we do not need to make things pleasant in army life. "Get all you can and keep all you get" is the motto.

9:45 a. m.—The entire fleet is now anchored at the mouth of the bay. We'll go in 10 minutes. Last mail boat is ready to go. Goodbye. Join all the boys to friends in Oklahoma.

PAUL W. HUNTER.

Mr. L. F. Leach is in receipt of the following letter from his son:

PORT TAMPA, Fla., June 15, 1898.  
MY DEAR FATHER—I have been in tending to write you for some time, but for various reasons, not the least of which is the enervating influence of the Florida climate, have neglected to do so.

As you know, my military inclinations caused me to join the 1st Illinois Infantry, of Chicago, something over a year ago. This regiment was considered the finest in the west and naturally when hostilities broke out we were among the first to offer our services. My company, "M," commonly known in Chicago as "Switzer's Indians," volunteered to a man. This is the company that I accompanied last summer on a trip to the Tennessee Exposition at Nashville and Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, etc., giving exhibition drills wherever we went. I was proud indeed to become identified with such a company, and when the

call came for troops no one hesitated. We first were ordered to Springfield, Ill., where the entire Illinois guard was mobilized. Three weeks were spent in physical examinations, fitting the troops out and mustering them into the United States service. Chicago alone furnished three regiments of infantry, one of cavalry and a light battery.

Chickamauga was our next camp. Here Major Gen. Brooks, U. S. A., was our corps commander.

On May 30th we were ordered to Tampa, to be included in the first military expedition to Cuba. We were obliged to march from Chickamauga Park to Ringgold, Ga., a distance of twelve miles, and there boarded the train for Tampa. Our route ran over the Plant system, and they certainly excelled themselves in maintaining the reputation of southern railroads for speed. We did not arrive at Tampa until evening of June 14th, several hours too late to be brigaded with the troops selected for the first expedition. At least that is the excuse given for our being left behind. It is an open secret, however, that is not the real reason. Col. Turner, our commanding officer, used his influence at Washington last winter to defeat the army reorganization bill and consequently incurred the displeasure of the regular army officials, especially as Col. Turner had his innings then and they are having theirs now.

Here we are assigned to guard and patrol duty. This is very discouraging to the boys, as they all expected to be on the way to Cuba by this time. However, it is almost a certainty that we will go on the next expedition. The last report I had here on Tuesday morning and has probably left Key West by this time. About 26,000 men and officers were included in this expedition, and if something don't "drop" soon I will eat my hat.

We are encamped on Pile Island, a very pleasant place, and as far as conveniences are concerned we have no complaint coming.

Since being in the field I have been promoted from the ranks to a corporal's rank and am detailed at headquarters in a clerical capacity at present. It is very hot here, but on account of the constant sea breeze I do not feel it to any great extent. I think I have been exceedingly fortunate as far as physical condition is concerned. Have not been obliged to report as sick since leaving Chicago and with the exception of "that tired feeling" am in the best of health and spirits. Our company men's was for awhile "punk" but now we have a private income and the bill of fare is improving.

It is impossible to state when we will be mustered out, and allow me to return to Chicago, but I was assured by the manager of H. W. Johns Mfg. Co. that they would take care of me when I returned, so I have no fear on that score.

With love to all the folks I am,

Affectionately your son,  
H. J. LEACH.  
Care 1st Inf. Ill. Vol., Port Tampa, Fla.

## CITY IN BRIEF.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howe, a son.

Yesterday's heavy rain was strictly local.

Today was a wood warper as regards heat.

Wheeler's new drug store looms up gorgeously.

Gen. Jamison's watch dog "Gordon" died last night.

Mo e Weinberger is fitting up club rooms over his saloon.

The electric light display at Arbor Dell to-night will be immense.

Citizens attend the meeting of the Guthrie club tomorrow night.

John Holt, formerly of this city, is a guard at the Omaha exhibition.

Thomas Babb was in town to-day with several fine specimens of fruit.

The first shipment of exhibits to Omaha will not be made until July 1.

Arrangements are in progress for brick races at the fair grounds on July 4th.

J. S. Lyon received another large shipment of farming implements to-day.

The Knights of Pythias lodge performed work in the first degree last night.

The grounds at Arbor Dell will be in fine condition this evening for the electric social.

The best brand of coffee in the world at Ramsey's. See him for anything in the grocery line.

Ramsey makes a specialty of fresh fruits and vegetables. Everything in the grocery line fresh.

George Watkins now has entire charge of the fair grounds and all contracts must be made with him.

Don Lawhead, formerly assistant secretary of territory, is despatched in the House of Lords saloon in Joplin, Mo.

Several electric fans will be running and will aid to the comfort of the guests at the electric social this evening.

A man named Coman, who lives at Alva, was bitten by a tarantula the other day, and nearly died from the effects.

The colored brass band is making rapid progress. The band practiced until 12 o'clock last night on Vilas and Elm.

Milton Bow, of Cushing, was jailed at Stillwater, yesterday, on a warrant charging him with stealing \$110 from his grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Seeley have issued cards for a reception on Thursday evening, to meet Miss Susie Fahey, of St. Joseph, Mo.

Druggist Will Wheeler has moved into his new store room, and when straightened out will have the best appointed drug house in the territory.

## THE Traders Grain Co.

Rooms 14, Gray Block.

### GRAIN, PROVISIONS, AND STOCKS

No delay in opening and closing trades and profit promptly. Orders promptly and on quotation.

C. E. SCHAEFFER, Manager  
GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA.

## EXECUTIVE BUSY.

Governor Barnes Returns and  
at Once Hears Mil-  
itary Talk.

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Deputy Bill Fossett is in Kingfisher. G. W. Fowler is here from Louisville, Ky.

C. N. Wheeler, of St. Louis, is in the city.

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Geo. M. Klox is up from Oklahoma City.

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C. A. Jackson, of Kansas City, is here.

Jacob Lean, of Kansas City, is in town.

Roy Hoffman returned from Perry to-day.

Major Paul Junot has returned from Ardmore.

P. B. Dilday, of the Wichita Eagle, is in the city.

Dr. Slocum and family have returned to Stillwater.

Col. S. Billings returned from Wichita last evening.

Joe Selstrom returned last night from Kansas City.

Warren Bennett returned to Pawhuska this afternoon.

Mrs. J. C. Fletcher and daughter Miss Zoe, are in the city.

Deputy John Hale was in Perry today on official business.

Mrs. Horace Hixon will leave this week for a visit in Chicago.

W. J. Irwin, the bath cabinet man, is in the city placing orders.

Dr. John Thredgill, of the Norman sanitarium, was in town today.

W. J. Holt, of Stillwater, is here asking for a military commission.

Miss Irene Sprague, of Edmond, was the guest of Mrs. Dr. Hughes to-day.

Lee J. Mittinger is in the city for a few days, enroute to Purcell, from St. Louis.

U. C. Guss arrived home this morning from a two weeks' visit to Manitou, Colo.

Henry Tearney went to his farm near Perry, to-day, to harvest his wheat crop.

G. W. Montgomery, W. L. Phillips and Wm. P. Harper are all up from Oklahoma City.

Jack Kenney, formerly clerk at the Royal, has the kinetoscope concession at the Omaha exposition.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ramsey left to-day for the Northern lakes. They will return about September 1.

Miss Hattie Briggs, of Chicago, niece of Mrs. J. C. Fletcher, is in the city enroute to Chandler to visit.

Mrs. E. D. Nix will return to Joplin Friday, after a very pleasant visit of two weeks with friends here.

Mrs. Dr. Long will arrive home tomorrow from a six weeks' visit at her old home in Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. W. M. Sailer, of St. Louis and Miss Irene Sprague, of Edmond, were the guests to-day of Miss Ruby Jones.

John Goliole has returned from a trip to Rock Island towns in the interest of Oklahoma's Omaha exhibition.

Miss Daisy Nix returned yesterday from school at Wichita, accompanied by Miss Bertha Hutchinson, who will visit Miss Daisy for some weeks.

John Selstrom arrived home to-day from Hot Springs. He saw Bill Felt at Joplin, and says Bill is arranging to buy the Carthage and Galena electric railway.

Ex-Gov. W. C. Renfrow came in to-day from Joplin, Mo., to visit a few days with friends. He says the Joplin lead and zinc region is in splendid shape, and that much mineral is being taken out.

Ex-Governor Seay, who is over from Kingfisher, is dressed for comfort. His attire is the kind that is worn in the Philippines and is very swell. However, the governor needn't think he is a whole bed-room suite, simply because he's a swell dresser.

Col. W. P. Baker and Captain J. C. Neal, of Pawnee, are in the city. Both of these gentlemen are here to consult the governor with regard to entering the military service, and it is hinted that Col. Baker may be tendered the position of regimental surgeon when the regiment is completed.

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# ANOTHER 6 DAYS OF WONDERFUL NINE CENT BARGAINS.

Hundreds of New Values Have Been Added to this list of the Marvelous Nine Cent Sale. This week will outdo the first. A great many of the articles advertised will be sold during THE WEEK.

Come early while the selection is complete of Guthrie's Greatest Annual Bargain Benefit.

## WASH GOODS DEPARTMENT.

Wash goods must suffer. 9 cents is the ruling price of the hour.

MADRAS CLOTH.

Eight choices of Madras Cloth, so very desirable just now for shirt waist 25 inches wide, colored ground, with plaids in pink, blue, lavender, brown and green. Soft as wool goods and good 15c per yard. During this sale only 9 cents.

ORGANDIES.

In the latest designs, beautiful effects and really worth 15 cents per yd. During this sale only 9 cents.

DIMITIES.

American dimites, colored ground, beautiful patterns in all the new printed effects, real 15 cent values, during this sale only 9 cents.

HONITAN LACE ORGANDIE.

White and colored grounds, beautiful patterns in all the colors and laces. Are worth 15c each. During this sale only 9c.

WHITE INDIA LINENS.

40 yards of India linens, worth 12 to 15 cents. During this sale only 9c.

WHITE GOODS.

Choice of 15 pieces plaids, open work effects, stripes and checks, worth 12 to 15 cents. During this sale only 9c.

BLACK SATINE.

200 yards black satine worth 12½ to 15 cents per yard. During this sale only 9 cents.

DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT.

2000 yards good heavy unbleached muslin; two yards for 9 cents.

1000 yards bleached fine cambric,

worth 12½ cents, at 9 cents. A snap.

700 yards checked waist Gingham in fancy colors. Regular price 15 to 18 cents. Closing at 9 cts.

800 yards of Scotch plaids and checks imitation double fold, worth 12 cents, closing at 9 cts.

3 yards of good tea toweling for only 9 cts.

DRAPERY.

800 yards of 36 inch Silkaline, in a beautiful line of the new spring designs, has been selling at 12½ cts. At this sale at 9 cts.

700 yards extra fine Curtain Serim—line of patterns worth 15 cts. At this sale 9 cts.

500 yards of Curtains—Swiss that sells universally at 15 cents per yard, during this sale 9 cts.

Fawns at cut prices, 3 yards Honeycomb Crash for only 9 cents.

These flowers are all new. They haven't been in this store but one week. They were made in America for American women. There are flowers in the lot that would retail at 50 cents per bunch in any millinery store in this country. We will begin to sell them at 9 a. m. next Thursday, and the sale will continue until Saturday if the flowers hold out. Any bunch in the whole lot only 9 cts.

TRIMMED HATS.

75 ladies' trimmed hats—no matter how we do this—while they last for 9 cts.

CHILDREN'S HOODS.

In lace, striped and ruffled, worth 19 to 25 cents, your choice while they

last for 9 cents.

FANCY DUCKS AND LINENS.

10 pieces fancy Ducks and plain Linens, just the thing for separate skirts and tailor-made suits, worth 15c, at 9 cents.

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.

In this department, as in all others of our establishment, we will give you some astonishing values during our 9 cent sale.

Choice of ladies' untrimmed hats, in good straw and fancy braids, extraordinary values at 25c and 50c, will go at 9 cents.

200 white and black Canton sailors—they never sell for less than 35c, and they will go at 9 cents.

150 black and white colored crowns rough and ready sailors, the very latest and most approved shapes—would be cheap at 50c, during our sale 9 cents.

2,000 yards of fancy ribbons, in all the good shades, such as pique and cream, sky blue and cream, green and leghorn cream and heliotrope, and black, width ranges from 4 to 6 inches, worth from 10c to 35c, and they go in this sale at 9 cents.

Choice of 50 jet and rhinestone and fancy Buckles and Pins, some of which sold as high as 35c—all this season's purchases and the very latest novelties for hat trimming, to be closed out at 9 cents.

HANDKERCHIEFS.

1,000 embroidered Handkerchiefs—some are worth up to 25c and 35c, now only 9 cents.

NOTIONS.

3 bottles good quality vasaline..... 9c

1 cube of good black pins..... 9c

2 penholders..... 9c

9 rubber tipped pencils..... 9c

2 bunches of quill tooth picks..... 9c

2 boxes hair pins..... 9c

2 boxes bone buttons..... 9c

2 bottles of good ink..... 9c

2 spools of linen thread..... 9c

2 boxes of T. M. blacking..... 9c

2 mouse traps..... 9c

2 nail brushes..... 9c

1 good hair brush..... 9c

1 good hammer..... 9c

1 whisk broom..... 9c

2 papers of safety pins..... 9c

2 dozen hooks and eyes..... 9c